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### NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of Inventor(s): **Charles E. Steffens, Jr. & Navin Chopra**

For (title): **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR HELPING TO PROTECT AN OCCUPANT OF A VEHICLE**

#### Enclosed are:

1. **Papers Required for Filing Date Under 37 CFR 1.53(b):**

- 30 Pages of specification
- 1 Pages Abstract
- 13 Pages of claims
- 5 Sheets of drawing
- ☒ formal (Figs.       )
- ☐ informal

In addition to the above papers there is also attached: **Information Disclosure Statement, PTO 1449 form**

### CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

I hereby certify that this New Application Transmittal and the documents referred to as enclosed therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this date January 20, 2004 in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Mailing Label Number EU853428858 addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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2. Declaration or oath:

- ☒ Enclosed (Executed)  
☐ Not Enclosed.

3. Language:

- ☒ English  
☐ Non-English  
☐ A verified English translation of the  
☐ specification and claims  
☐ declaration  
is attached.

4. Assignment:

- ☒ An assignment of the invention to TRW Vehicle Safety Systems Inc.

- ☒ is attached.  
☐ will follow

5. Certified Copy:

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from which priority is claimed

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6. **Fee Calculation:**  
(Small entity filing fee is 50% normal fee)

CLAIMS AS FILED				
Number Filed		Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee
				\$ 770.00
Total Claims	36	-20 =	16 X	\$ 18.00
Independent Claims	6	- 3 =	3 X	\$ 86.00
Multiple dependent claim(s), if any			+	\$290.00

- ☐ Amendment canceling extra claims enclosed
- ☐ Amendment deleting multiple dependencies enclosed
- ☐ Fee for extra claims is not being paid at this time

Filing Fee Calculation **\$1,316.00**

7. **Small Entity Statement**

- ☐ The present application is being filed by or on behalf of a **small entity** as defined in 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 for purposes of paying reduced fees.

8. **Fee Payment Being Made At This Time:**

Enclosed:

- ☒ basic filing fee **\$1,316.00**
- ☒ assignment recordal fee **\$40.00**
- ☐ for processing an application with a specification in a non-English language \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Total fees enclosed \$1,356.00**

9. **Method of Payment Fees:**

- ☒ check in the amount of **\$1,356.00** enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any **DEFICIENCY** in the filing fees for this application to our Deposit Account No. 20-0090.

10. **Instructions As to Overpayment:**

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